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No 'signs' of election

POLITICS

**Long campaign
is creating a
problem due to
city bylaws**



**Michael
Woods**
Metro | Ottawa

The federal election campaign is underway, but you won't see signs of it in Ottawa for a couple of weeks.

Under city bylaws, candidates can't erect election signs on private property until 60 days prior to voting day. Signs can't be posted on public property until 30 days before the election.

The general election is Oct. 19. Although the 11-week election campaign officially started Sunday, Ottawa candidates can't post signs on private property until Aug. 20, and signs won't be allowed on public property until Sept. 19.

City bylaw chief Roger Chapman admits the long campaign has created an unusual situation.

"The 60 days at the time seemed reasonable," he said. "The rationale for it was to strike that balance between a resident's right to express their

political interests, as well as the city's right to regulate the proliferation of signs."

A typical federal election campaign is 37 days long, so political signs could be posted right away. Even the lengthy 55-day campaign in 2006 wouldn't have created a problem.

Election signs are a centrepiece of any campaign, but the rules surrounding them vary by city. Toronto, for example, has no such time limit; candidates have already begun posting signs there.

Elections Canada rules say government representatives may remove signs that don't respect provincial or municipal laws.

But in Ottawa, the centre of federal politics, there will only be signs on public property for four weeks out of the 11-week writ period.

Chapman said although it's a new situation, he doesn't expect any issues with candidates posting signs early.

"I think the candidates in this area are aware of the 60-day regulation, so I don't anticipate any problems," he said. "But again, this is testing new waters."

Candidates who flout the rules could be charged with bylaw offences, which could result in a fine.

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'Fake soldier' ordered to do community service

IMPERSONATION

Franck Gervais outraged veterans, Canadians



Lucy Scholey
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A man who pleaded guilty to wearing a fake soldier's uniform on Remembrance Day must do 50 hours of community service for impersonating a member of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Franck Gervais, 33, made an emotional apology during his sentencing hearing in an Ottawa courtroom on Tuesday.

"I understand and realize that my actions were wrong, misguided and inappropriate," said the clean-shaven Gervais, stopping occasionally to rub his forehead and eyes. In wearing the uniform, he intended to honour — not insult — the veterans, he said.

Gerry Wharton, a retired major who served 32 years in the Canadian Armed Forces, said he was initially angry when he heard about the man who wore a fake RCR uniform and medals, including the highly esteemed bravery medal.

But last Saturday, Wharton,



Franck Gervais speaks to the CBC dressed as a soldier during Remembrance Day. SCREENSHOT

who also serves as the honorary dominion president for the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, led Gervais on a tour of the Beechwood Cemetery. There, they stopped and laid poppies on the tombstones of Canadian soldiers.

The well-decorated veteran told the courtroom he be-

lieves Gervais was genuinely remorseful in his apology.

"Right from the very beginning, within five minutes, I was very impressed with Mr. Gervais's remorse and appreciation for what we were doing," he later told reporters. The anger quickly turned to forgiveness.

"Actually, to walk with him

amongst the headstones, it was an emotional experience for me."

On Nov. 11, 2014 — less than three weeks after the shooting death of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo at the National War Memorial shocked the country — Gervais appeared on CBC TV, wearing a beard and a phoney uniform.



I was very impressed with Mr. Gervais's remorse.

Gerry Wharton

The televised Remembrance Day interview drew angry and shocked comments from soldiers and war veterans across the country.

Gervais pleaded guilty to impersonating a soldier and enrolled in the Collaborative Justice Program, which allows victims and the accused to heal together.

Defence lawyer Claude Lévesque said the program allowed Gervais "to understand the consequences of his action and also to enable the military forces and the veterans to have an insight as to why he did what he did."

Erin O'Toole, who was veterans affairs minister before Prime Minister Stephen Harper launched the election campaign, also weighed in on Tuesday's decision.

"I am pleased to see there is a legal process in place to protect the uniform and remind us that men and women in the Canadian Armed Forces put their lives at risk to keep our nation strong, proud and free."

FEDERAL ELECTION

Ex-Grit going Green

The Green Party has yet to nominate a candidate in several Ottawa ridings, but a former Liberal leadership candidate is running for them in Carleton.

Deborah Coyne, a onetime Liberal candidate in Toronto, is running against high-profile Conservative Pierre Poilievre in the largely rural riding.

"(Poilievre) sort of represents everything that I believe government should not be," she said.

Coyne, a constitutional lawyer, became a senior policy advisor to Green Party leader Elizabeth May in February. On Tuesday, she said established political parties are dominated by elites and too focused on the short term.

In a blog post explaining her candidacy, she added that "the Liberal Party has not succeeded in becoming a real voice for the people."

The Green Party is still looking for candidates in some other Ottawa ridings.

Jonathan Halasz, the party's Ontario organizer, said a candidate who had been lined up in Orleans dropped out, so the nomination meeting there has been postponed.

The party is also still looking for a candidate in Gleggry-Preccott-Russell. In Ottawa West-Nepean, Halasz said he's hoping to have somebody lined up by the end of the week.

The Ottawa-Vanier nomination meeting was scheduled for Tuesday night.

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Mulcair mum on leader debate

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Harper and Duceppe have not yet agreed to participate

Michael Woods
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Tom Mulcair's attendance at a leaders' debate about women's rights appears up in the air, but organizers say he has committed and they expect him to participate.

The Sept. 21 debate in Toronto on women's issues is being organized by the Up for Debate Alliance, a coalition of about 175 groups focused on women's rights and gender equality.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau confirmed his attendance on Saturday. Debate organizers say NDP Leader Mulcair and Green Party Leader Elizabeth May confirmed their attendance last fall.

The New Democrats, who have been surging in the polls, said last week that Mulcair will not participate in any debates that don't include Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Sarah Kennel, spokeswoman for Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights, one of the groups organizing the debate, said they haven't heard back from Harper about whether he will attend. But she said Mulcair committed last fall to participating in the debate.

"As far as we're concerned, they've committed to the debate," she said. "We look forward to seeing them there and we haven't heard otherwise."

Asked about Mulcair's attendance, NDP spokesman George Soule referred to last Friday's press release, which said the party will accept debate proposals until this Friday at 5 p.m. and will announce the list on



NDP Leader Tom Mulcair delivers a speech during a campaign stop in Montreal on Tuesday. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Monday. The release said the party has received several dozen debate proposals from a wide range of organizations.

Up for Debate says this will be the first debate of its kind since the 1984 campaign, when then-party-leaders Ed Broadbent, Brian Mulroney and John Turner participated in a debate focused on women's issues.

"The last time that Canadians had an opportunity to hear their leaders talk about these issues specifically was over 30 years ago now, and sadly the issues haven't changed," Kennel said.

Kennel said she remains hopeful that Harper and Bloc

Quebecois leader Gilles Duceppe will agree to participate.

She is anticipating a response from the Bloc this week.

The Conservatives have said Harper will participate in five debates. Four of those are spoken for, starting with the Maclean's debate this Thursday night.

The others, scheduled throughout the fall, are being hosted by The Munk Debates, The Globe and Mail and television station TVA.

+ FEDERAL LEADERS' DEBATES

Stephen Harper has committed to participating in four leaders' debates so far. The NDP has said Tom Mulcair won't participate in debates that Harper isn't also attending. Here are the four confirmed debates:

Aug. 6: Maclean's debate. Harper, Mulcair, Justin Trudeau and Elizabeth May.

Sept. 17: The Globe and Mail debate in Calgary focusing on the economy. Harper, Mulcair and Trudeau.

Sept. 28: The Munk Debates focusing on foreign policy. Harper and Mulcair confirmed, Trudeau invited.

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The main tunnel to the Diefenbunker, Canada's Cold War Museum, in Carp, Ont., on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bunker's cafeteria serves up beer again

DIEFENBUNKER

Cold war relic and museum hosts suds and grub event



Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Canada's most well known bunker was not always alcohol-free.

Somewhere in the Diefenbunker's image archives, there are photos of people sipping stubby beer bottles deep underground at the Carp, Ont., venue

before it turned dry.

Since the bunker emptied of employees in 1994 and became a national museum, there have been whiskey tastings alongside the tours. But on Friday, for the first time, the Diefenbunker is offering beer and food pairings 75 feet below ground in the facility's cafeteria.

"It really was the social hub of the building," said Megan Lafrenière, curatorial and marketing manager for the Diefenbunker. "We were open throughout the Cold War and into the mid-'90s. We were here 24 hours a day and people were working in shifts, so that was definitely a place where one would go to

We were open throughout the Cold War and into the mid-'90s.

Megan Lafrenière

congregate and meet people."

In the Cold War scare of the late 1950s, the Diefenbunker was built to house 535 Canadian military and government officials during John Diefenbaker's tenure as prime minister.

On Friday, there will be a tour of the facility, followed by suds and grub courtesy of Covered

Bridge Brewery, the 'Wiches Cauldron and Hummingbird Chocolate Maker.

Lafrenière said the event is meant to attract new people to the venue.

"Particularly younger audiences who may not have a connection to the Cold War," she said, unlike those who may remember air raid sirens.

The beer tasting will be Friday, Aug. 7 starting at 6:30 p.m., with an optional guided tour at 5 p.m.

Tickets cost \$40 a person; Diefenbunker members and Inner Square and Ottawa Museum Network Connexion Card holders get a 10 per cent discount.

PINEVIEW

Safety audit finds fear of dark pathways

The Pineview Community Association is looking to help residents feel a little safer in their neighbourhood.

The group conducted a safety audit in the neighbourhood for residents on the evening of July 27, in partnership with Women's Initiatives for Safer Environments, to get a sense of where people feel unsafe at night in the neighbourhood.

The audit, which was attended by residents and a community police officer, canvassed dark unofficial pathways, which residents use to get to the Blair Road transit station.

"The lighting along the pathway is very dim and is obscured by bushes," Heather Scott, the association's president, said of one of the main paths. "There are some areas where there are a lot of overgrown bushes."

"I've used that pathway for seven years at night, and I still carry a cell phone and try to talk to someone walking back, because you just feel a little bit uneasy."

In 2013, a 15-year-old girl was reportedly sexually assaulted in the area. It is alleged she was approached by four young men at the Blair Road bus station, who then led her

to a secluded area off one of the footpaths to allegedly rob and sexually assault her, police said. Police later arrested and charged four suspects.

The community association conducted a study last year and found many people did not feel safe on the pedestrian footpaths that lead to Blair Station.

"It was surprising to hear that people still feel unsafe," Scott said. "My sense is that it is a fairly safe community, but despite that, people still feel uneasy."

Residents voiced concerns during the audit about being harassed on the pathway, as

well as drivers speeding at the intersection of Blair and Meadowbrook Roads.

The audit was cut short because of a thunderstorm, but the association is planning to hold a second walk in the fall.

Once the audit is complete, the community association plans to submit its findings to the city in the hope of getting better lighting and visibility for some of Pineview's more high-traffic paths.

The community association will also hold an additional public consultation after the second walk, Scott said.

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Blackest night for Silver Snail

COMIC BOOKS

Twenty-five year saga ends with a hush in September



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

It's a dark day for comic-book fans in Ottawa, and there is no surprise twist or caped hero to turn it around. After 25 years in Centretown, Silver Snail has announced it will be closing in September.

"It's pure economics," said manager Kin Jee, who has been in the store since Day 1. "A lot has changed. Comics are available online now, and people download them rather than having to buy them. The economy is hurting, too."

Two years ago, both Silver Snail locations in Toronto and

Ottawa changed ownership. The Toronto store expanded into a new location, but the owners decided to close the Ottawa location. Stock will be discounted until the Bank Street store closes on Sept. 13.

Jee said he doesn't mind taking a break after 35 years of selling comics, but announcing the closure on Tuesday was an emotional experience.

"Our customers are the best; that's one reason why we've lasted so long," he said.

"I just got an email today from a customer who has now moved away. He said that the store and the staff changed his life. When he moved to Ottawa, he was by himself, he had depression and he loved coming here to talk about comic books."

Jee rarely diverted from helping customers at the cash Tuesday, but as regulars came in, he greeted them by name.

"I'm disappointed; I really love this comic store," said Kurtis Montgomery, who has been vis-

iting the store for four years and got a personalized welcome from Jee. "They learned my name and my interests here. That personal touch means they know what I like to read; they can recommend new stuff to me."

While he's disappointed about the closure, he said he will continue to buy books elsewhere, including his favourites Batman and Spider-Man.



They learned my name and my interests here.

Kurtis Montgomery

"For me, one of the biggest things about comic books is it's a work of art. Someone has drawn this, put their heart and soul into it. I want that physical embodiment of the art, something that I can display and lend out," he said.

"With a computer you just never get that."



The spacious Bank Street store was bustling Tuesday with comic-book fans looking for closing deals. **HALEY RITCHIE/METRO**

PUBLIC SECTOR

Not-so-unpaid leave for worker

An awkward financial situation arose at the Public Works Department in May, according to a memo obtained by Metro under the Access to Information Act.

An employee took five weeks of unpaid medical leave, but "due to an administrative error," the money kept flowing. After five weeks, the employee had been paid \$3,926.46.

What's easily given is less easily taken away, as the department found out when they asked for the money back.

The employee requested an exception, proposing a payment plan that would recoup \$75 off every pay check for two years.

Deputy minister of Public Works George Da Pont signed off on the arrangement — but only after the employee divulged financial records to prove that a higher "repayment rate will impose significant financial hardship."

HALEY RITCHIE/METRO



MUSIC THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT This fledgling Ottawa band — featuring 13-year-old guitarist Cameron Grasmeyer, his 15-year-old pianist sister Erin and 13-year-old Adam Hynes on drums — stopped a few people on their lunch breaks Tuesday afternoon. There will be a repeat performance of their covers, including Serena Ryder's Stompa and Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah, on Sparks Street near Metcalfe at noon Friday. **LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO**

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Harper dangles tax credit

FEDERAL ELECTION

Tories promise home-reno tax break when economy allows

Stephen Harper has delivered the first big-budget promise of the Conservative election campaign: a permanent home-renovation tax credit that will cost the country \$1.5 billion a year once implemented.

However, Harper says the credit — a more modest version of a temporary credit the government first introduced in 2009 — won't be introduced until economic circumstances permit, perhaps the middle of a Tory mandate.

While the original credit applied to renovation costs of up to \$10,000, the ceiling for the permanent credit has been lowered to \$5,000.

Speaking at a campaign event in Toronto, Harper said the credit, which would apply to renovation work done on houses, cottages and condominiums owned for personal use, would



Prime Minister Stephen Harper picks up chicken wings while grocery shopping with his son, Ben, on Tuesday in Toronto. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

also help create jobs in the construction sector.

He said it would also pump billions of dollars back into the Canadian economy.

Some three million Canadians have taken advantage of the opportunity to make renovations in the last six years.



Young parents renovated rooms as nurseries ...

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

"Young parents renovated rooms as nurseries, empty-nesters converted rooms for other uses, older Canadians made changes to remain independent in their own homes," Harper said.

"The renovation tax credit helps every homeowner, regardless of income. I know

Justin Trudeau doesn't think every family deserves help, but we do."

Interestingly, Harper's propensity for referring to Trudeau by his first name only seemed to be a dominant theme on the campaign trail Tuesday.

Asked about it, the prime minister said it's something he does occasionally, but only because that's the way the Liberals have chosen to brand their own leader.

Trudeau himself, who unveiled the Liberal campaign bus at an early rally in Mississauga, Ont., shrugged it off as a distraction from the fact that the Conservatives have allowed the economy to slide into a recession.

"His distraction is working because I just got two questions on that rather than on how to build a stronger economy for the future of this country," Trudeau said.

"The fact is, I am staying focused on Canadians and what they need."

The NDP's Tom Mulcair was scheduled to attend an event later Tuesday in Montreal.

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CRIME

Witnesses sought in club shooting

Police investigating a "brazen" fatal shooting at a heaving Toronto nightclub during a party hosted by Canadian rapper Drake are calling for witnesses to come forward.

Two people were killed and three others were injured when shots were fired early Tuesday at the Muzik nightclub, where thousands of people were partying.

The area around the club already had a heavy police presence due to the size of the crowd.

"This was a brazen, large-scale ongoing firearm incident, and our officers and members of the public were directly in the line of fire," said Deputy Police Chief Peter Slovy.

"We were very lucky that this was not a larger body count, quite frankly."

Representatives for Drake didn't immediately respond to messages seeking comment.

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IN BRIEF

Cabbie facing charges after passengers rammed

A Montreal cabbie who allegedly hit two people on purpose with his vehicle was arraigned Tuesday on seven charges, including dangerous driving and criminal negligence.

Nick Forlinano-Gauthier, 32, allegedly struck the two men for failing to pay their fare as they got out of the taxi on Monday.

An 18-year-old suffered head injuries, while a 20-year-old was also taken to hospital with less serious wounds.

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Montreal SPCA seizes exotic birds from store

More than 550 exotic birds have been seized from a pet store and breeding facility, the Montreal SPCA said Tuesday.

The organization said in a statement it decided to remove them under the Criminal Code as they were lacking critical care. Several of the birds seized last Thursday were already dead. The birds were being kept for sale, many of them having been caught in the wild in other countries and imported into Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ABBOTSFORD, B.C.

City, not homeless, to blame: Lawyer

The City of Abbotsford is wrong to criminalize the homeless with bylaws that prohibit people from setting up camps in public spaces, a lawyer has argued.

David Wotherspoon, with the Pivot Legal Society, said the city has discriminated against the homeless through various measures, including dumping chicken manure on an encampment.

He wants a B.C. Supreme Court judge to declare such tactics unconstitutional.

The city is blaming the homeless for leaving human waste and garbage at camps but isn't providing needed services, Wotherspoon told Chief Justice Christopher Hinkson on Tuesday.

"People make garbage, people have to urinate, people have to defecate. They have to do it somewhere," he said.

"Blaming Abbotsford's homeless for the existence of those circumstances is, effectively, blaming the victim," said Wotherspoon, who represents the War Drug Survivors.

"Suggesting that Abbots-

ford's homeless should be responsible for the choice of being homeless is wrong.

"There are real choices being made, but those are choices that relate to the city — the choice not to provide a variety of services."

Wotherspoon has told the trial, which began in June, that

police have pepper sprayed the homeless and city workers dumped chicken manure on a campsite two years ago.

Lawyers for the city were expected to make closing arguments later Tuesday in response to the lawsuit.

The War Drug Survivors represent at least 151 homeless people and maintain that the city's 25 available shelter beds, provided by the Salvation Army, can't accommodate everyone.

Abbotsford has already presented evidence suggesting more housing is available, but the group counters that most of the spaces are difficult to access, especially for drug addicts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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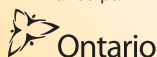
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Two killed, 32 to hospital as storm fells circus tent

INVESTIGATION

Unclear why show went on during weather warning

Fire officials said Tuesday it's not clear why a circus operator in eastern United States proceeded with a show minutes after the National Weather Service put out a severe storm warning.

Strong winds collapsed the circus tent, killing two spectators and sending about 32 others to hospitals.

New Hampshire's fire marshal Bill Degnan said it's the responsibility of the circus operator to monitor the weather.

The show started seven minutes after the storm warning Monday afternoon some 90 miles (145 kilometres) north of the state capital Concord.

The storm blew through

with about 100 people inside the tent.

"I see these very large metal poles that are in the ground and go through the top of the tent; I see them starting to come out of the ground and fly up, into the air toward us," witness Heidi Medeiros, attending with her three-year-old son, told a local TV station. She said 10 to 30 seconds later, the pole slammed onto the bleacher where she and her son had been sitting.

The circus operator, Florida-based Walker International Events, did not provide immediate comment.

Walker's president, John Caudill Jr., has a history of transgressions, primarily while operating another company, Walker Brothers Circus, Inc.

A decade ago, Caudill and his associates agreed to pay a \$25,000 fine for a series of violations while operating without an Animal Welfare Act license. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Investigators inspect the site of a circus tent that collapsed Monday during a show by the Walker Brothers International Circus at the Lancaster Fair grounds in Lancaster, N.H. Tuesday.

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SANDRA BLAND

Family sues police

The family of a black woman found dead in a Texas jail three days after a confrontation with a white state police officer filed a wrongful-death lawsuit Tuesday against the officer and other officials, saying it was a last resort after being unable to get enough information about the case.

Sandra Bland, a Chicago-area woman, died by what authorities say was suicide in her Waller County jail cell on July 13. Her family and others previously questioned that, and criticized the trooper who stopped her for failing to signal a lane change.

The lawsuit contends Enclina falsified the assault allegation to take Bland into custody, that Waller County jail personnel failed to keep her safe and free from psychological injury or harm, and that she was placed in a cell "with a variety of inappropriate items for a jail cell, including a large garbage can, garbage bags, exposed beams, cords, and other items." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Prison inmates fight over drone-dropped drugs

A drone dropped a package of drugs into a prison yard while inmates were outside, sparking a fight, prison officials said.

The package was dropped July 29 at the Mansfield Correctional Institution in Ohio. It contained almost a quarter of an ounce (seven grams) of heroin, over two ounces (57 grams) of marijuana and more than five ounces (140 grams) of tobacco, JoEllen Smith, a spokeswoman for the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, told the Mansfield News Journal.

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Jamaica to hold first gay pride celebrations

Jamaica's LGBT community is holding its first gay pride celebrations on the Caribbean island, which is typically described as the region's most hostile to homosexuality.

Jamaican gay rights activists say the events are a clear sign that tolerance is expanding in Jamaica even though long-standing laws criminalizing gay sex between men remain on the books. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RELIGION

Mormons publish pic of sacred stone

The Mormon church for the first time is publishing photos of a small sacred stone it believes founder Joseph Smith used to help translate the story that became the basis of the religion.

The pictures of the smooth, brown, egg-sized rock are part of a new book that also contains photos of the first printer's manuscript of the Book of Mormon. Officials with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints unveiled it Tuesday at a news conference in Salt Lake City.

It's the religion's latest step in a push to be more transparent about its history and tenets. The church's effort in recent years to be more open about its past was triggered by the religion's increasing prominence as its membership tripled

over the past three decades to 15 million worldwide today. Questions emerged about the burgeoning faith, with some criticizing it for being secretive about its beliefs and practices.

Mormons believe that 185 years ago, Smith found gold plates engraved with writing in ancient Egyptian in upstate New York. They say that God helped him translate the text using the stone and other tools, which became known as the Book of Mormon.

The pictures in the new book show different angles of a stone that is dark brown with lighter brown swirls, the size and shape of an egg. The photos also show a weathered leather pouch where the stone was stored that is believed to be made by one of Joseph Smith's wives, Emma Smith.

The church has always possessed the stone, which was transported across the country during Mormon pioneers' trek from Illinois to Utah in the mid-1800s, but it decided to publish the photos now to allow people who prefer visuals to words to better understand the religion's roots, said Richard Turley, assistant church historian. The stone will remain in the vault.



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BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING

Canadians likely to spend more at home: Ernst & Young

The falling loonie is expected to help boost the bottom lines of Canadian retailers heading into the back-to-school season.

There will be an expected four per cent increase in back-to-school spending in Canada this year, according to global professional services firm Ernst & Young.

The lower Canadian dollar likely means consumers will be making their purchases closer to home, said Daniel Baer, Ernst & Young's Canadian retail and consumer products sector leader.

"We do expect fewer dollars to be spent cross-border. And when we say that, (we are referring to) people who physically go cross-border, but also people who shop on U.S. sites," he said in a phone interview from Montreal.

Recent universal child-care



Canadian retailers may find themselves in a busy back-to-school season as a result of a weakening loonie. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

benefit payments from the federal government will also likely translate into additional disposable income for consumers to devote to back-to-school spending, said Baer. On the flip side, inflation, higher housing

costs and economic uncertainty may curb the appetite among consumers to spend.

British Columbia and Ontario will lead sales, while the Maritimes and Quebec will continue to lag behind the

national average, with little growth expected.

Meanwhile, Alberta and Saskatchewan, which are typically leaders in the category, are expected to post back-to-school sales in the red.



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Baer said the changes are a "big function" of how the province is performing economically. He pointed to Alberta, which previously saw a retail sales growth higher than the national average due in part to employment levels and oil prices.

"Their economy was growing that much faster because of economic activity, influx of people into the province and a very low unemployment rate," Baer said.

"Since the price of oil has declined, it's certainly had an impact in terms of the disposable income that the Alberta consumer has, but it also has an impact in terms of the economic stability that the Alberta consumer feels."

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IN BRIEF

Air Canada, other airlines ban hunting trophies

Air Canada says it will no longer carry big-game hunting trophies from lions, leopards, elephants, rhinoceros and water buffalo after the killing of Cecil the lion. Air Canada joins at least a half dozen other airlines that have banned the transportation of big-game trophies in the past two weeks, including Air France, Delta Air Lines and Qantas. Other airlines, including Emirates, Lufthansa and British Airways, brought in a similar ban in April.

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metro's election explainer

Why do American campaigns start so early and cost so much?

While Canadians are busy debating the merits of an extra-long federal-election campaign, Republican candidates for U.S. president are literally debating.

On Thursday, 15 months before election night, a field of 10 presidential hopefuls will take the stage in Cleveland. Many Canadians wary of longer federal campaigns have cited the spectre of the U.S.'s interminable and money-flooded electoral process. In that light it's worth taking a closer look.

1. WHY SO LONG?

Unlike Canada, where the prime minister is the leader of the party that wins the

most seats in the House of Commons, the U.S. elects its president separately from its legislators, in a vote between the nominees of the Republicans and the Democrats.

The nominees are chosen via a months-long series of state-by-state votes, called primaries, which begin in Iowa in February of the election year and run until party conventions in mid-summer.

Winning the early primaries, and thereby gaining valuable momentum that will attract the affections of

deep-pocketed donors, is extremely important to the fortunes of a presidential campaign. So candidates have an incentive to promote themselves and

their platforms as early as possible, and television networks therefore have an incentive to carry election coverage, including debates, well in

advance of any actual voting. Hence Thursday's debate, which is being presented by Fox News and comes forth months before the first vote of primary season.



2. WHY SO EXPENSIVE?

Among other factors (e.g., an uncommonly large and spread-out electorate, a legal tradition that equates political advertising with free speech) is the fact that elections have, since 1792, been fixed to the Tuesday that falls between the 2nd and 8th of every fourth November.

Because everyone knows when the big vote will take place, campaigns and stakeholders can plan their paid publicity well in advance and raise funds accordingly.

This is what worries many Canadians, now that we have a fixed-election-date law of our own.

The election explainer is dedicated to informing would-be voters without boring them. It will appear regularly in this space throughout the campaign. What would you like explained? Email us at readers@metronews.ca.

Sweet peas: 150-year-old study offers rich reward

THE SCIENCE

Stephanie Orford



This year marks the 150th anniversary of Moravian monk Gregor Mendel's first presentation of his seminal paper on pea-plant genetics, and the effects have been mind-boggling.

Genetics has spurred discoveries across almost every scientific discipline, all cascading from Mendel's discovery of the gene, the basic unit of inheritance.

Cutting-edge genetics research is happening in Canada. Last year, researchers at the Michael Smith Genome Sciences Centre treated a Vancouver woman's late-stage colon cancer through a pilot project to tailor cancer treatments to individual patients.

The woman had enrolled in an experimental program to treat cancer according to its

unique genome.

Genomics, the study of an organism's full set of genetic material, has been made more efficient through rapidly evolving technologies for DNA sequencing.

Twelve years ago it cost \$2.7 billion to sequence one human genome. Now it costs about \$1,000.

By decoding the genetic blueprint of the cancer patient's particular tumour, her doctors identified a protein that was crucial to its growth. They realized that this protein's actions could be stopped by a widely available blood-pressure pill.

The treatment the doctors identified put her cancer into complete remission in five weeks, and it wouldn't have been possible without genomics.

Nor would it be possible, as it now is, to prevent a child with the rare genetic condition called phenylketonuria from developing

It's a crucial tool that will help humanity take on the biggest challenges of the coming decades

brain damage, by giving her a diet without one particular amino acid.

The list of tangible, appreciable benefits goes on and on.

Consider:

- Diabetics now pay less for better maintenance of their condition thanks to higher-quality insulin produced with genetically engineered bacteria.
- The Canadian canola industry has reduced its carbon emissions by one million tonnes per year since the '90s when it started planting canola crops genetically modified to tolerate herbicides.
- At the end of July, the Strategic Salmon Health Initia-

tive — which does research assessing the health of the wild and farmed salmon we fish, sell and eat — began the implementation phase for a new technology that assesses the microbes on wild and farmed salmon. The research will ultimately help us breed farmed salmon more sustainably, with genes that make them more resistant to viruses and bacteria, and less likely to spread them to the wild population.

None of these phenomena would be possible without genetics, and the applications are endless.

Genetics research today isn't just about pea plants or the colour of your eyes. It's a crucial tool that will help humanity take on the biggest challenges of the coming decades.

Stephanie Orford is a Vancouver-based writer. The Science appears every other Wednesday.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

Media already bored by just-announced election campaign

At work yesterday morning, my colleagues were fretting.

Our 11-week election campaign (78 days, moaned the anal-retentive National Post) is being greeted with pre-emptive exhaustion, they said, and all the buzz of a slowly deflating balloon.

"The media already seemed bored with the whole thing," said J. "Two papers had the headlines 'And they're off.' It just sounded like jogging or something... but this is really monumental!"

"I'm more interested in Hillary Clinton than any of our people. Why is that? That's terrible!" he added.

L. blamed the media. "Hillary Clinton is more of a celebrity."

"I think people are just fascinated with American politics," A. mused.

"Well, they make a spectacle of it," I said.

"A long campaign means it's less democratic. It's more expensive to do it and thus accessible to fewer people," L. fumed. "That's a problem. That's a democratic problem." (Stephen Harper has a hefty war-chest advantage).

"I've been hearing about the Pan Am games since November, hot and heavy all the time, but an 11-week election that actually matters — and we're torn up!" A. exclaimed.

There are benefits, she said. Namely, gaffes. "In an 11-week campaign trail there are so

many extra days for people to show who they are, accidentally, for Justin Trudeau to drop that baby he's juggling."

"I think we as the media should be trying to add more high drama to our politics," suggested J.

"We don't really tell the human stories," I agreed, a recent profile of "Vegas girl" NDP MP Ruth Ellen Brasseau notwithstanding.

"I find your conversation funny, like, 'Oh, democracy — we need to focus less on policy, more on faces!' " L. snarked.

"No. Policy too," J. countered. "There's lot of big, long serious articles in the States."

"You can't have policy without the people who are advocating for it," I added.

U.S. politics has built-in drama, J. argued. "A whole bunch of people vying for the top spot on both sides, and finally just down to two, mano a mano."

"You can't do that in a parliamentary system, and parliamentary systems are actually really good because you can have minority governments," L. pointed out.

"So, OK, that piece we can't do anything about, but there's lots of other things we can do," J. said, hopefully.

The chatter came to an unresolved close. They had a paper to put out, filled with high-drama election coverage — for another 76 days.

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A novel nod to comfort food

FOOD FICTION

Debut author pays tribute to homey meals of his childhood

Melissa Dunne
For Metro

You are what you eat. This old maxim has perhaps never been as true as it is today. Starting first thing in the morning, every food and drink choice you make has become shorthand for who you are at your very core. No pressure. But, are you the type of person who grabs a double-double from the Tim Hortons drive-thru or are you the type to ride your bicycle over to the local indie café for an almond-milk latte?

Whether you live in a smaller city like Winnipeg or Halifax or a big city like Vancouver or Toronto, many Canadians now endlessly obsess over making the right food and drink choices that will ultimately communicate to everyone who follows them on Instagram: I know what food is hip and cool and current, and therefore I am hip and cool and current.

Partly in reaction to the somewhat ridiculous hipsterification of North American food culture, J. Ryan Stradal chose to focus his debut novel, *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* (Penguin Random House, \$28, out now) on the decidedly unhip food from his childhood



Food made from scratch is at the heart of the novel *Kitchens of the Great Midwest*. CONTRIBUTED

growing up in a small town in southern Minnesota.

"I tried to capture the people I grew up with that I don't see represented very often," said Stradal, 39, by phone from his home in the hipster haven known as Silver Lake, Calif.

The people he grew up with, like his grandmother, could

out-hipster any young hipster today, says Stradal. They cared about, and knew, where their food came from and, get this, they cooked much of it themselves from scratch.

"Their interest in food rivalled that of the hipsters, but without the affectation," Stradal notes.

His novel about a trendy and mysterious chef named Eva Thorvald is interspersed with recipes that highlight food made with real affection, not a practised affectation. It features what is now dubbed comfort food, such as five-ingredient peanut butter bars (see recipe at right), made by people who would simply call food "food."

That's not to say Stradal thinks making classic Midwestern recipes handed down from generation to generation is, in the parlance of our times, more 'authentic' than, say, ordering organic chicken at your local gastropub.

After all, he's a Midwestern transplant who both loves the food he grew up with, and is now personal friends with celebrity chefs and lives in what Forbes once dubbed 'America's Hippest Hipster Neighborhood.'

In his life and in his book, he makes the argument there is room at the table for everything.

RECIPE

Pat Prager's Peanut Butter Bars

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cups crushed graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup melted Grade A butter
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 2 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 cup milk chocolate chips with 1 teaspoon Grade A butter

Directions:

1. Mix together the graham cracker crumbs, melted butter, peanut butter and sugar.
2. Pat into a greased 9 by 13 inch pan.
3. Melt the chips and butter and spread them on top of the bars.
4. Set in the refrigerator until firm.
5. Cut into bars.

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It's fine to pay \$5 plus for an almond-milk latte made by a moody barista who dons a fedora and is writing a screenplay on the side, if that's your bag. Just make sure you also leave room for a few home-made peanut butter bars every now and then.

You are what you eat and drink, but you are, at your core, also what you have eaten and drunk, what you cook and what you have had cooked for you.



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Ryan Stradal on the people of his Minnesota roots who inspired his novel

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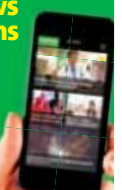
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Friends recall style, grace of Hyndman

OBITUARY

TV show host Chris Hyndman has died at age 49

Design personality Chris Hyndman, an accidental TV star best known for his on-screen and off-screen partnership with fellow decorator and husband Steven Sabados, has died.

CBC announced the news Tuesday and took the duo's daily lifestyle series *Steven and Chris* off the air out of respect for Hyndman's friends and family. Hyndman was 49.

His sudden passing drew condolences from famous colleagues across the industry, including good friend Jeanne Beker who called Hyndman one of her closest friends.

"When my marriage broke up in 1998 Chris scraped me off the floor," an emotional Beker recounted by phone from New York.

"I was so extremely depressed, and he would come over to my house every night after the gym in his little baseball cap and a pizza under his arm and we'd sit there and he'd tell me how I had to go on living for my kids, for my girls who were just eight and 10 at the time. And he was just like my best friend, my closest confidant,

certainly my closest guy friend."

CBC reported that Hyndman was found without vital signs late Monday in an alleyway just east of Toronto's downtown core.

A Toronto Police spokeswoman would not confirm the report, citing privacy concerns and the fact there was no ongoing criminal investigation.

Fellow design couple Colin McAllister and Justin Ryan said in an email to The Canadian Press that they were "beyond saddened" and could "hardly comprehend the news."

"Canada, and the design fraternity, has lost an integral part of its community," the Scottish decorators stated.

Designer Sarah Richardson added by email: "I knew him as charming, charismatic and full of life. I'm so sorry for Steven's loss."

Along with Sabados, Hyndman brought everyday style to Canadians in a number of series, including their HGTV shows "Designer Guys" and "Design Rivals" and the makeover program "So Chic with Steven and Chris" on Slice.

The duo played up an odd couple persona that proved to be a winning formula — Hyndman as the joker, with the more straitlaced Sabados providing a more pragmatic eye.

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From left: Steven Sabados, Theresa Albert and Chris Hyndman on the set of CBC's *Steven and Chris*. CONTRIBUTED

REMEMBERING CHRIS HYNDMAN

Metro's food columnist Theresa Albert, who worked on *Steven and Chris* for five years, shares her memories.

"Chris had that special way of making you feel like the only person in the room. I remember arriving at CBC for the show and having him beam his brilliant smile and a 'hey gorgeous!' Chris always set the tone of the show from the minute of arrival as a cheery place to be.

Once, when Steven and I were trying to cook and get important news on sodium conveyed, Chris, who could be counted upon for some hijinks, klutzy maneuver or silly quip; dropped his spoon, pretended to cut himself and then sneakily eat the potato chips on my "Do NOT eat" side of the table. He would do anything just to get my goat and guffaw."

NUTRITION

Why turkey bacon is not a healthier pick

WORD OF MOUTH

Theresa Albert

myfriendinfood.com



So I'm visiting at a cottage during breakfast when one man says to another, "You should switch to turkey bacon, it's better for you," and I pipe in that I, in my nutrition wisdom, disagree.

It is a common belief that has some merit if all you are assessing is calories.

You would do slightly better with the turkey bacon, but it is a highly processed food and the most popular brands are actually higher in sodium and carbohydrates (from corn syrup). I would rather see the less processed, real food grace your plate in moderate amounts.

If you really want to win the breakfast meat wars, go for peameal (a.k.a. back bacon or Canadian bacon).

1,717 milligrams of sodium, 1.4 grams of carbohydrates and 42 grams of fat. Cook until crispy and drain on paper towel to reduce your bacon's fat content.

Peameal bacon (100 grams, about two thick slices) has 157 calories, 904 milligrams of sodium, 1.7 grams of carbohydrates and seven grams of fat.

The truth is that any of these are once a month choices, not twice a week options.

Highly salted, fried meat will never make it into nutrition heaven but it sure makes a cottage smell like it should.

Theresa is an on-camera food and health expert, nutritionist and writer who loves to spread the word on food.

Here are the stats:

Turkey bacon (100 grams or about four slices) has 382 calories, 2,285 milligrams of sodium, 3.1 grams of carbohydrates and 28 grams of fat.

Bacon (100 grams or about four slices) contains 541 calories,



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GLA 250 built for bumpy roads



REVIEW

Higher ground clearance, AWD are pluses, but interior could be better

Jill McIntosh
For Metro

Mercedes-Benz made its name in North America by selling large luxury cars, but in recent years, the company and its premium-brand rivals have been introducing the smaller and lower-priced models that have been a mainstay in Europe for years. For 2015, it adds an all-new compact crossover, the GLA.

The GLA shares its platform and much of its interior design with the CLA-Class four-door sedan, and is available as my tester, the GLA 250, starting at \$37,200. You can also get the sportier and more powerful GLA 45 AMG, beginning at \$50,500. Both use 4Matic all-wheel drive, but unlike on most Benz products, it runs primarily in front-wheel drive, sending up to 50 per cent of power to the rear wheels only when it determines that they're slipping.

The GLA 250 uses a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder

engine with seven-speed automatic transmission. It's peppy enough right off the line, but the transmission isn't always smooth. It also shifts into the highest gears as soon as possible for fuel economy, and the GLA can feel a little wrung-out after that initial burst. However, you can use the wheel-mounted paddle shifters for more transmission control.

The ride is very firm, bordering on harsh, but on the plus side, the GLA's all-wheel drive and higher ground clearance actually work very well on rougher roads such as cottage trails.

This is a compact vehicle and so the interior's a bit tight, but the seats are very supportive, and the rear seats fold down to increase the cargo capacity. My tester had several option packages on it, which added such things as automatic climate control, navigation, rearview camera, blind spot monitor, and power lift-gate, bringing it to \$45,175. That also included some handsome optional aluminum trim, but the GLA's cabin includes a lot of hard, plain plastic, and the interior overall didn't quite look as upscale as the price.

Buyers can also consider Mercedes-Benz's B-Class hatchback, which isn't quite as sporty-looking, but comes with the same engine and starts at \$31,300 in front-wheel, or \$33,500 in all-wheel drive.

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It's peppy enough right off the line, but the transmission isn't always smooth.

THE CHECKLIST | 2015 MERCEDES-BENZ GLA 250

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, five-passenger compact hatchback
Engines (hp). 2.0-litre turbo four-cylinder (208)
Transmission. 7-speed dual-clutch automatic
Price. Base \$37,200, as-tested \$45,175 (plus destination)

COOL FEATURES

- Automatic engine idle shut-off
- Off-road downhill speed regulation
- Heated windshield washers
- Rain-sensing wipers
- 12-way power-adjustable front seats
- Automatic brake hold
- Available panoramic sunroof
- Available bi-xenon headlamps



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POINTS

- The GLA's transmission uses two internal clutches, rather than a torque converter, for faster shifts and better fuel efficiency.
- The optional rearview camera hides under a cover when not needed, providing a clear picture in rain or snow.
- The tablet-style infotainment screen is on top of the dash to keep the user's eyes up and toward the road.

MARKET POSITION

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G7 leaders commit to end fossil-fuel use, eventually

The leaders of the G7 countries, which include the United States and Canada, say they will use their collective influence to try to end global fossil-fuel consumption by the end of this century.

Their intent, they say, is to cut usage by 40-70 per cent from 2010 levels by 2050, with the remaining consumption to end completely by 2100.

The leaders' declaration called for an end to fossil-fuel

subsidies and investments to encourage the use of renewable energy in developing countries.

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The International Monetary Fund, also a part of the G7, states such subsidies are costing world governments \$5.3 trillion US per year when costs related to climate change are included.

Comfort, confidence in Volvo S80

USED VEHICLE

Infotainment system needs a check in 2007-2014 models

Volvo's top-dog S80 was available in its most recent generation to us Canadians from model year 2007 to present day, with numerous updates and facelifts applied to keep things fresh.

Prime purchase considerations for Volvo's biggest sedan included comfort, confidence, peace of mind, and a top-of-the-line driving experience that flew under the radar.

Feature content in a used model may include automatic climate control, push-button start, a sunroof, an auto-dimming rearview mirror, rain-sensing wipers, active cruise control, a Dynaudio stereo, xenon headlights with washers, and more.

The test drive

Confirm that the memory seats, adaptive lamps, climate control, keyless start system, stereo, and anything else that runs on electricity is working properly. Plot a course with the navigation system, and pair your Bluetooth phone and call your grandmother.

Note that a bad Infotainment Control Module (ICM) can cause a slew of sporadic problems with the onscreen display, stereo, steering-wheel controls and

other functions related to the infotainment system, or even prevent it from powering on.

Try the parking assist system, confirming proper operation and checking for any warning messages in the driver computer. A faulty wiring harness is the likely culprit if issues are noted.

Confirm proper operation of the air conditioner, noting that premature system failure may be caused by a bad bearing on the AC compressor, or a refrigerant leak. And, speaking of

keeping cool, rare but notable reports of cooling system leaks and overheating caused by failed fan modules have been made.

On turbocharged models, have someone watch for smoke from the exhaust at startup, at full throttle while driving, and for a few moments after a sporty drive. Smoke could indicate a problem with the turbocharger, though with sensible driving and regular oil changes, this component should last the life of the vehicle.

Scrutinize the feel of the S80's brake pedal while applying light, moderate and full braking, noting that a soft pedal, or a pedal that goes to the floor, as well as weak braking performance, can be caused by a leak in the brake booster or a connected vacuum line, and is a safety concern.

Note that the straight-six engines are easy to work on for do-it-yourself types, and offer a decent blend of power, mileage and refinement.

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Engines

Look for S80 with engines including Volvo's 3.2-litre straight-six, a turbocharged straight-six, or a silky 4.4-litre Yamaha-built V8. Front or all-wheel drive was available, and all units got an automatic transmission.

What owners like

Owners often rave about extreme comfort, a hearty feel of safety and security, a fantastic and tranquil highway drive, plenty of space, and good fuel mileage, even from the V8 engine. The premium stereo system and high-intensity xenon headlamps are also highly rated.

What owners dislike

Complaints are minimal, centring around a fussy and clumsy navigation system, and a lack of North American-friendly cupholder sizes.

The verdict

This one looks like a relatively solid bet on a well-loved luxury sedan that can be bought with confidence with a thumbs-up from a Volvo mechanic.



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Driving tech into the mainstream

The U.S. arm of Volkswagen has announced that for its 2016 range, drivers won't have to look to its flagship models to get a car with the latest active safety technology.

Active safety systems such as lane departure assist and adaptive cruise control have, until recently, been the preserve of range-topping luxury cars or premium models, but for the 2016 model year, Volkswagen is bringing a host of these systems to its mass-market cars in the U.S.

Volkswagen describes the decision, which will see its entire suite of driver assistance systems offered as standard or options on cars like its Golf and Jetta, as "democratizing" the technology for the compact sedan and compact hatchback classes, and it's a decision that



Volkswagen's adaptive cruise control can automatically maintain a safe distance from the vehicle ahead. VOLKSWAGEN

could well lead to a boost in popularity.

The results of the annual JD Power Automotive Performance, Execution and Layout (APEAL) study, published on July 23, show that there is a

huge demand for driver assistance systems among the American public, and those cars voted most appealing and gratifying to own by U.S. drivers have these systems on board. AFP

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Honda puts brakes on CNG vehicles

PRODUCT LINEUP

BMW's future is electric, report says

BMW plans to convert the bulk of its product lineup to electric power over the next 10 years, according to British magazine Autocar. Virtually every BMW model would be powered by electric motors, with all-wheel-drive and range-extending engines throughout the line. In what it calls "the latest thinking from BMW's advanced engineering department," even BMW's core model, the high-volume 3 Series sport sedan, would be included. BMW has concluded, the magazine says, that it must convert all its vehicles to some configuration of plug-in hybrid, lower their weight dramatically to compensate for larger battery packs, and make them far more aerodynamic.



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CHARGING STATIONS

A bright idea for EVs

Mini is touting a new technology that would allow plug-in electric vehicles to be charged by street lights. With its modular LED (light-emitting-diode) design, the Light & Charge street light is far more energy efficient than conventional street lighting, provides more effective illumination, and could greatly — and cost-effectively — increase the number of public charging points. An electric vehicle's charging cable joins to a standard connector on the light pole, while an integrated control panel allows drivers to start charging with the swipe of a card, regardless of vehicle model.



DEVELOPMENT

Compressed natural gas out, electric in

Honda is in the process of phasing out efforts to develop natural-gas-powered vehicles and will instead focus on gas-electric hybrids and electric-vehicle development. The automaker is developing a next-generation, two-motor hybrid system that will appear in a new Accord due by 2018, reports Automotive News. A new plug-in hybrid, a new battery electric car and a three-motor hybrid system are also in the works. Honda will stop selling the natural gas-powered version of the Civic and the Civic Hybrid this year.



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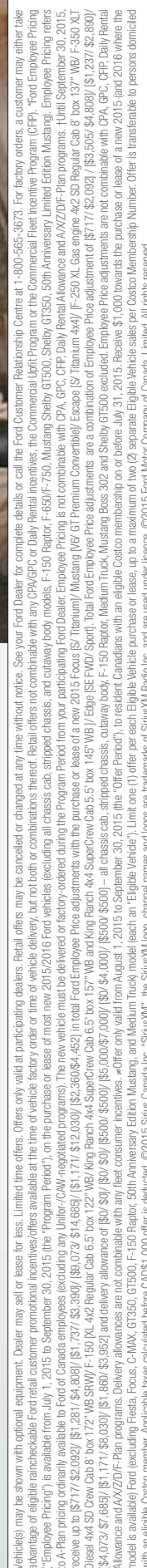
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Just sold a vintage Jaguar sports car I've owned since 1990.

I guess I'm in an adjustment period at the moment. Will probably survive.

This Jaguar is a two-seater E-type Coupe, built in June of 1967, with a dark blue exterior, and a light blue leather interior. It has wire wheels and a thin-rimmed wooden steering wheel. As all E-types of that era, it is powered by Jaguar's lusty 4.2-litre DOHC straight six-cylinder engine.

More than one person has noticed that this original incarnation of the E-type, in both convertible and coupe form, is a very pretty car. Enzo Ferrari famously called it "the most beautiful car ever made."

I acquired the car from a youngish couple that lived on



A 1967 Jaguar E-type Coupe heads back to England, after a 48-year stay in North America, 25 of them with a Metro Drive contributor. Since its introduction in 1961, the Jaguar E-type has been heralded as an iconic automotive design. MIKE GOETZ/FOR METRO; INSET: COURTESY JAGUAR

a farm near Guelph, Ont. They purchased the vehicle from a used car dealer in Kitchener-Waterloo in 1982.

Jaguar Cars Ltd. can send you an official document outlining the original specifications of your vintage Jaguar and its first owner. That is how I know the first owner of this vehicle to be a certain Manfred Dee Koch, Jr. of Grove City, Pa. I assume he had the car for at least three

years, so only the ownership span, say, between 1970 and 1982 is unknown, or at least unknown to me.

My tenure with the car — in précis:

Took out a three-year car loan to purchase the car and vowed not to spend too much money on it until it was paid for.

Drove it, loved it, maintained a file on things I would like to fix and/or modify ... at some

future point.

As soon as it was paid for, got married, had kids, and moved into a house with a rather large mortgage and no garage. When it came out of indoor storage for the winter, it was parked in a mutual driveway, where I had a good view of it from the porch.

Fretted about rain; my neighbour began calling me by the name of a well-known local



TV weatherman, because he knew as soon as I got my tarps and bungee cords out to bundle it up, rain was surely on its way.

Took lots of people, including many kids, for drives.

During the last few years it was evident a complete restoration was in order and that I was not the man for the job; I

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The E-type is only one of three automobiles in the permanent design collection of The Museum of Modern Art in New York.

don't have the resources and talent to do it myself, and am not prepared to pay the going rate to have it done professionally (\$100,000-plus).

So I sold the Jaguar to a great guy in England who wants to restore the car by his own hands, or as much of it as he can.

Because the brakes were not working too well at the moment, I had it towed to Interspan, the company that my buyer hired to ship the car to England. My last drive in "my" E-type was around the Interspan parking lot, and up the ramp into the warehouse.

After that was done, I asked them to take one final picture of me with the car. Then the owner of Interspan, Jim Robinson, and I shook hands and he walked me out. I turned back to watch him pull the big garage door down, to close up the warehouse. I took a picture of the closed door.

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MERCEDES-BENZ

Paying tribute to Sir Stirling

To mark the 60th anniversary of the racing driver's incredible Mille Miglia triumph, Mercedes-Benz will be celebrating all things Stirling Moss at this year's event.

In 1955, driving a Mercedes 300 SLR, Moss set a record time — averaging 157.65 km/h — over the Italian 1,000-mile road race, a feat which to this day has never been bettered.

But as well as leaving his mark on the race, in 1955, Sir Stirling helped Mercedes-Benz truly leave its mark on the world of motorsports.

In that season's Formula One championship, he won the British Grand Prix, and eventually came second overall in the driver's championship — pipped to the title by his Mercedes teammate, Juan Manuel Fangio.

While in sportscar racing, Moss clinched the Tourist Trophy and Targa Florio alongside his Mille Miglia victory to help secure the World Sports Car Championship for Mercedes. In other words, 1955 is still, to this day, Mercedes-Benz's most successful year in motor racing.

"Our presence at this year's Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance is especially in honour of Sir Stirling Moss," said Michael Bock, head of Mercedes-Benz Classic and Customer Centre. "We'll be there with two original vehicles from 1955 — the 300



The Mercedes-Benz 300 SLR sports racing car (W 196 S) set a new record at the Mille Miglia in 1955. MERCEDES-BENZ



Legendary driver Sir Stirling Moss, now 85. MERCEDES-BENZ

SLR, in which the now 85-year-old racing driver won that year's Mille Miglia, and the successful W 196 R Formula One racing car."

As an honoured guest, Moss will open the field for the Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance on Thursday, Aug. 13 in a 300SL Gullwing,

while for the main event, the Concours d'Elegance itself, which is held on Sunday, Aug. 16, Mercedes will be entering Moss's 1955 300 SLR, alongside the Formula One championship W 196R racing car from the same year.

However, also being dusted off and shipped out for the event is a Mercedes-Benz C 111, its gullwing door concept car from 1970 that got the crowds so excited that they started placing orders for it.

Although it went from having a Wankle Rotary engine to a production V8 and also went through many minor styling adjustments, the C 111 never made it to production and remained an experimental vehicle, much to many supercar fans' disappointment. AFP

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Putting the rock in Rolls-Royce's Wraith

SPECIAL EDITION

One-off model plays off the carmaker's role in music history

Luxury carmaker Rolls-Royce has a very sound idea for its latest special-edition car.

Behold the Rolls-Royce Wraith "Inspired by Music"

— a one-off model based on its GT coupé developed to celebrate the marque's role in the mythology of rock 'n' roll.

For so many aspiring and established musicians, the Rolls-Royce is the vehicular symbol of having made it, and over the past 50 years everyone from John Lennon and Elvis Presley to Noel Gallagher and Kanye West has rolled with a Rolls.

To highlight this relationship and in a nod to the fin-

est internal components in a sound system, the company has created a Lyrical Copper exterior finish for the car that catches and bends the light differently at different angles thanks to a combination of brushed and polished textures.

The copper theme continues inside with similarly coloured door panel inserts and even book-matched copper tone veneers. Interior surfaces have also been treated so that they

have a tactile, vinyl record-like feel.

However, the most impressive element of this car is not what can be seen; rather it's what can be heard.

The Wraith "Inspired by Music" boasts a truly bespoke audio system that took two years to develop and was built from scratch by some of the world's leading audio engineers working alongside Rolls-Royce craftsmen.


It has 1300W of power and an 18-channel audio system and uses two large bass speakers, seven tweeters and seven mid-range speakers. The sound they generate together is then complemented by two further "exciter" speakers mounted in the car's headlining closer to ear-level. The finished aural effect is meant to be as close to experiencing music in a live venue as possible.

"Wraith 'Inspired by Music'

appeals to those looking to Rolls-Royce for unique and creative motor cars," said Torsen Müller Ötvös, chief executive officer for Rolls-Royce Motor Cars.

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The "Inspired by Music" Wraith has a Lyrical Copper finish and an 18-speaker bespoke audio system. ROLLS-ROYCE MOTOR CARS

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Even though Rolls-Royces are famed for their sound-proofing and in-cabin peacefulness, the company has also employed active

noise-cancelling technology via microphones that register external sounds and automatically adjust the music to compensate.

ENTERTAINMENT

Retro arcade racing fuels new games

Three games are poised to take on '80s- and '90s-inspired arcade racing with renewed vigour, looking to classics like OutRun and Ridge Racer for authenticity and inspiration.

Slipstream's revisiting of early '90s racing standards pursues a 3D effect using 2D graphics only, for genuine period feel. Just as in OutRun, drivers choose from two roads after completing each stage, en route to their ultimate destination.

Power Drive 2000

Date: May 2016
Platforms: Mac, Windows, Linux, PlayStation 4
 Megacom Games' Power Drive 2000 is the most free in its interpretation of '80s style. Shiny and well-textured roads, glossy vehicle exteriors, and period design motifs filtered through a mid-2010s perspective make for plenty of neon on show.

Slipstream

Date: Q3 2015
Platforms: Mac, Windows, Linux

Drift Stage

Date: Late 2015
Platforms: Mac, Windows, Linux
 Drift Stage takes influence from the mid-'90s, when flat sprite graphics were being replaced by blocky 3D polygons. Its references expand to OutRun 2, Ridge Racer and Daytona USA; it's all about taking corners at high speed, tires squealing and steering wheel jammed into an opposite lock.

AFP

Next generation of stars takes nothing for granted

HOCKEY

Strome, Marner and Sanheim driven to make world jr. team

When Travis Sanheim was cut from Canada's world junior hockey camp nine months ago, the coaching staff told the young defenceman they expected him to be a crucial piece to the 2016 team. He watched his would-be teammates win gold on home ice.

Dylan Strome and Mitch Marner were watching, too, eager to see respective Ontario Hockey League teammates Connor McDavid and Max Domi put on a show on the biggest junior stage.

Those three players and others, including forward Michael Dal Colle and defenceman Jeremy Roy, arrived at Canada's world junior summer camp with plenty of expectations on themselves to make the 2016 team, and Strome, Marner and Sanheim should be among the go-to players in Helsinki.

But they're all reluctant to think of themselves as the next



Travis Sanheim, left, and Mitch Marner GETTY IMAGES

generation of stars because they're several months away from even earning a spot on Canada's roster.

"I don't think you expect anything, and you don't take anything for granted," Sanheim said in a phone interview Monday.

"It's Team Canada. It's the greatest hockey country in the world, and it's going to be a tough team no matter what."

No one cares where you got drafted, no one cares who you got drafted to.

Dylan Strome

the Edmonton Oilers, and winger Lawson Crouse, a fellow top-10 pick, could claim that distinction.

So as disappointed as he was, Sanheim realized why he was one of the final cuts last December, and Strome and Marner got why they were passed over for camp invites. Now they're expected to get big roles and are



Dylan Strome won the OHL scoring title last season with the Erie Otters. AARON BELL/OHL IMAGES

motivated by that.

"We both wanted to make that team," Marner said of himself and Strome. "Such skilful forward lines that when we didn't make it I think we both understood our chances next year. Both of us are on a line this year for this camp."

"We've got to leave our footprint. I think we're both willing to do that."

Leaving a footprint is important because coach Dave Lowry said the summer camp is just the beginning of the evaluation process. Roster spots aren't assured for Strome, the third pick to the Arizona Coyotes, or Marner, who went fourth to the Toronto Maple Leafs, even though they went 1-2 in OHL scoring last season.

"No one cares where you got drafted, no one cares who you

got drafted to," said Strome, who along with Marner scored a goal in Canada's 4-1 win against Russia in exhibition action Monday night. "It's about showing what you got at camp and what you got during the season, and if they think you're good enough to go to (main) camp, then you've got to prove it again at Christmas-time to make the team."

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IN BRIEF

World Rowing to seek viral tests for Rio water

The head of the governing body of world rowing said Tuesday he will ask for viral testing at the rowing venue for next year's Rio Olympics, and he expects all other water sports in Rio to follow suit.

The move comes after an Associated Press investigation last week showed a serious health risk to about 1,400 Olympic athletes who will compete at water venues around Rio that are rife with human waste and sewage. Following AP's study, the World Health Organization advised the International Olympic Committee to analyze viral levels in Rio waters.

"Together with the WHO and the IOC, we're going to follow what they say," Matt Smith, CEO of World Rowing, told AP. "We will ask that viral testing is done. If there is a problem, we will react. It's our moral duty."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Doping allegations a 'declaration of war' against track and field: Coe

Describing the latest doping allegations levelled against track and field as a "declaration of war," Sebastian Coe rushed to the defence of the IAAF's drug-testing system Tuesday and said it was time to "come out fighting" to protect the

reputation of the sport.

In an exclusive interview with The Associated Press, Coe gave his first extensive

comments following reports by German and British media outlets alleging that the IAAF had failed to act on suspicious blood tests involving hundreds of athletes over a 10-year period.

"This, for me, is a fairly seminal moment," said Coe, an IAAF vice-president. "There is nothing in our history of competence and integrity in drug-testing that warrants this kind of attack. We should not be cowering. We should come out fighting." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Sebastian Coe GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Jays Sanchez, Gibbons suspended over brouhaha



Blue Jays manager John Gibbons argues with umpire Jim Wolf in Toronto on Sunday. COLE BURSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Major League Baseball suspended Toronto pitcher Aaron Sanchez for three games and manager John Gibbons for one game Tuesday as part of the fallout of a testy game between the Blue Jays and the Kansas City Royals.

MLB also fined Sanchez an undisclosed amount for intentionally throwing a pitch at Alcides Escobar with warnings in place during the top of the eighth inning of Toronto's 5-2 win Sunday. Sanchez denied intentionally hitting Escobar, arguing his pitch just got away.

If I wanted to send a message I would've sent a message to their big guys.

Aaron Sanchez

Sanchez said he won't speak on the suspension until after his appeal was heard by MLB.

"Hopefully they'll chip that down a little bit," said Gibbons

about Sanchez's punishment. "But I think that's a kind of automatic too after warnings when you get ejected for hitting a guy."

Gibbons was suspended for returning to the field following an ejection. He was set to miss Tuesday night's home game against Minnesota.

Although he was allowed to set the lineup and address media before the game, Gibbons had to leave the clubhouse area before the opening pitch and was unsure of where in the stadium he'd watch the game against the Twins. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Detroit Tigers president and GM Dombrowski replaced by assistant Avila

Dave Dombrowski is out as president and general manager of the Detroit Tigers, ending a run of nearly 14 seasons in which he helped turn the franchise from an afterthought into one of the American League's powerhouses.

The Tigers announced the move Tuesday. Dombrowski, who was in the last season of his contract, is being replaced by Al Avila, who has served as his top assistant since 2002.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Qatari diplomat takes aim at critics and says 2022 World Cup will be success

Qatar's top diplomat on Tuesday promised that his country would host a successful World Cup in 2022 and suggested that criticism of its successful bid was partly based on racism.

The bid is under renewed scrutiny following the launch of American and Swiss investigations into corruption at football's world governing body, FIFA.

In a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press, Foreign Minister Khalid al-Attiyah reiterated Qatar's stance that it has and will continue to co-operate with investigators.

He said he was confident the event would go ahead and will be "the best World Cup ever."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kent as passionate as ever

PARAPAN 2015

Reigning table tennis champ, 54, still has things to prove

Ian Kent's specialty is singles table tennis but he faces two opponents every time he plays.

There's the one across the table that everyone can see, and the one that no one can see but Kent can feel.

That opponent — a movement disorder called dystonia — tells his body "in a very, very strong way" to do a back flip.

"That," he adds wryly, "is not conducive to good table tennis."

And Kent has always been about good table tennis.

He has been competitive from the moment he and his older brother started playing in the basement as kids in the 1970s through to more recent years when, despite his disability, he continued to beat everyone in Nova Scotia, including his adult sons, in able-bodied table tennis.

That's quite the athletic feat for a man in his 50s who uses a motorized scooter to get around.

Kent was a top Canadian junior player but he didn't quite make the grade for the senior team. Rather than leave the highest level of the sport, he threw himself into another aspect of the game: coaching.

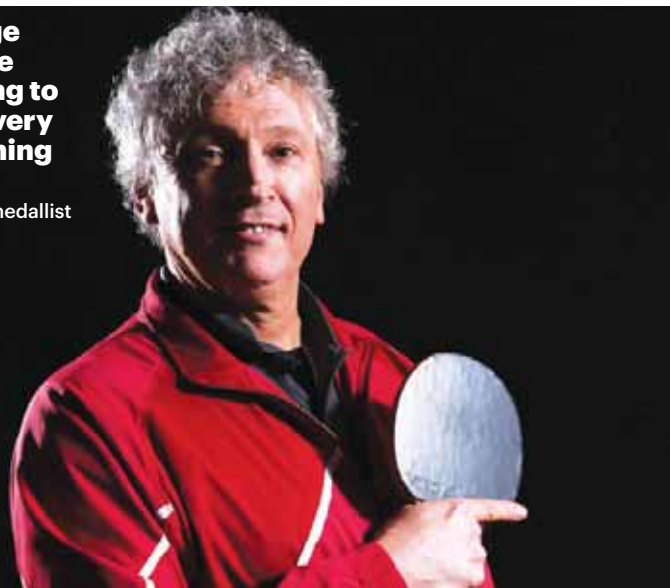
He was the national team coach for seven years, starting in 1986, and he continued to play and win at the provincial level. He would go on to teach his three sons to play the game.

In short, table tennis was his



Eventually, I got the courage to go back to the sport I love because I wanted something to look forward to. I believe every human being needs something to look forward to.

Reigning Parapan Am table tennis gold medallist Ian Kent on his struggles with dystonia



Canadian table tennis competitor Ian Kent, 54, will defend his Parapan singles title STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

life. Then, on Aug. 17, 1999, he woke up confused, with a twisted and contorted body.

"Two years later I got out of bed, once I was properly diagnosed and medicated, and learned to walk again," he says.

Dystonia is in the same family as Parkinson's disease and it affects each person differently. For Kent, when he stands up, it causes the muscles in his lower back to contract. The more he fights it, the more they contract, pulling his upper body backward.

Given how much of his life had been dedicated to table tennis already, it seems inevitable that Kent would take up the para version of his sport. But the transition wasn't auto-

matic, or easy, for him.

"It was really my ego that got in the way. I didn't want to go back until I could really play," he recalls. At that point, he had been the provincial champion for two decades and his competitive nature didn't like the idea of losing.

He had to find the courage to play again, no matter the outcome. "To put myself out there as vulnerable as I was, realizing I was going to lose to most everyone," he says. "Eventually, I got the courage to go back to the sport I love because I wanted something to look forward to. I believe every human being needs something to look forward to."

As it turns out, it wasn't long

+ STYLE

"I'm what is called a cerebral player," Kent explains. That, and he has a killer serve. "I gain massive advantage off my serves and, yes, that's the reason why I beat a lot of people that I beat," he says, grinning.

before Kent was winning in the para game and back to winning at the provincial level against able-bodied athletes, including his own adult sons.

But the 54-year-old from Eastern Passage, N.S., has a bigger goal in his sights right now. He's

looking to defend his Parapan Am singles title and qualify for next summer's Paralympics in Rio. At the 2011 Guadalajara Parapan Ams he won gold in singles and silver in men's doubles, to add to the two silvers he picked up in those events four years earlier. He was 12th in singles at the 2008 Beijing Paralympics.

"Most of the athletes I play are half my age or less, so I recognize that my opportunities for doing something like this are dwindling. So, I'm doing what I call 'an all-in' for this," he says of his preparations for the 2015 Parapan Ams, where he starts competing in Markham on Saturday.

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- 1/2 cup diced mango
- 3 Tbsp finely diced onion
- 3 Tbsp finely diced red bell pepper
- 3 Tbsp finely diced green bell pepper
- 1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro or basil
- 1 Tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 tsp orange juice concentrate
- 2 tsp honey
- 2 tsp olive oil

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
2. In a large skillet sprayed with vegetable oil, sear pork tenderloin for about two minutes per side or until browned. Place on baking sheet lined with foil. Rub mustard all over pork. Bake for about 15 to 20 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 145 F for medium. Let sit covered while preparing salsa.
3. To make the salsa: Place the pineapple, mango, onion, red and green pepper, cilantro, lemon juice, orange juice concentrate, honey and oil in a bowl and mix to combine.
4. Slice the pork into medallions and garnish with salsa.

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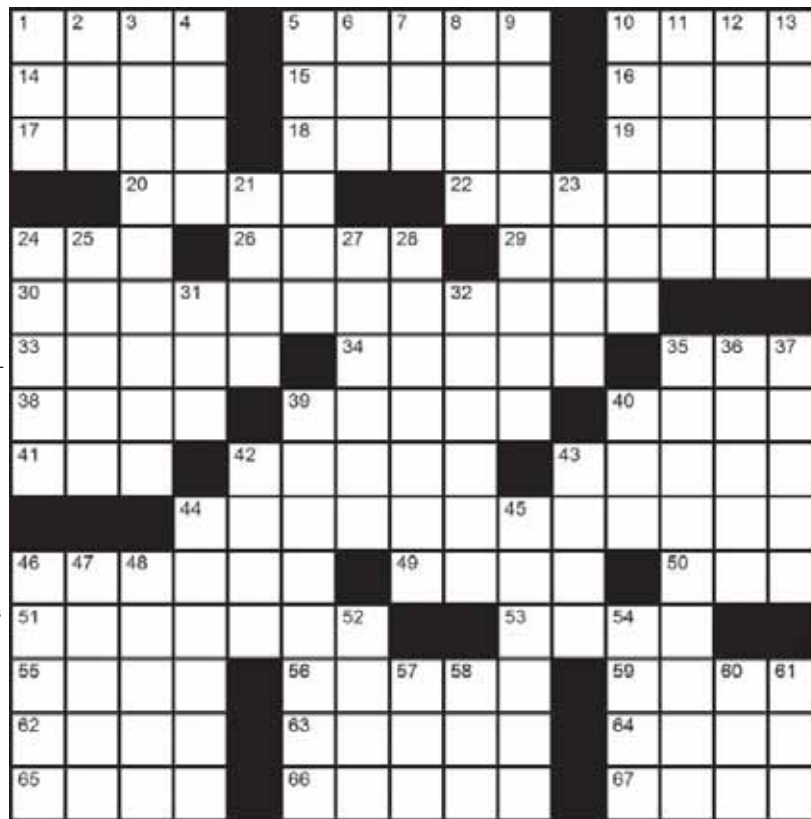
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ACROSS

1. Bandmate to Anthony Kiedis
5. Camouflage colour
10. Laddie's love
14. Curser's word!
15. Hawkeye State denizen
16. Ruler measurement
17. Not much, just _ _
18. Comb parts
19. Buffalo type
20. Name things on a pad
22. SPF lotion wearer's avoidance
24. "Halo" songstress, to fans
26. Put a 'roof' on a room
29. 1980s hairstyle
30. Concern for a cross-border shopper: 2 wds.
33. Flight segment
34. Persons, places and things
35. Dry, as wine
38. Misjudges
39. Shampooing direction
40. Jane Austen novel
41. Road covering
42. Annoy: 2 wds.
43. Without the extras
44. California setting of Canadian actor Jason Priestley's 1990 to 2000 series: 2 wds.
46. Calm
49. Kaput
50. Sanction



51. Singer/actress Ms. Chenoweth
53. Whispery word
55. Content or data, briefly
56. Abate: 2 wds.
59. Like an acorned tree

62. Elevator, to a Brit
63. Baggy, as clothing
64. Ice mass
65. Not as much
66. Door sign
67. Comparable

DOWN

1. U.S. health-related agcy.
2. Research _
3. Canadian painter, b.1871 - d.1945: 2 wds.
4. _-inflammatory

5. Baby cat
6. Furrow maker
7. _-inspiring
8. Kit _ (Some chocolate treats)
9. Brutish
10. Legally accountable

11. Void
12. Sports game outcome
13. Shall not
21. Stitches reminder
23. Pecans
24. Badger
25. Bonus
27. Light with a match
28. Musician/poet Mr. Cohen from Montreal
31. Howdies
32. Wind moving through tree leaves sound
35. Party conversation: 2 wds.
36. Mr. Hirsch of acting
37. Able, archaically
39. Rise and shine signaller in the military
40. The 'E' in REO, as per REO Speedwagon
42. Fine fellow
43. High degs.
44. Stupefies
45. Fido, when emitting a high-pitch bark
46. Talent
47. Bert's pal
48. Bits of jazz
52. City sign's light
54. Couch
57. Small fry
58. Bring into play
60. Garden pond fish
61. Languish

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
For each thing you have lost over the past few weeks you have gained something much more valuable, and with each apparent failure you have made long-term success more likely.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will tell others what you think of them today. However, you could be too honest for your own good. Be truthful about their good points, but play down their bad if possible.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You have given a lot in recent weeks and you will be expected to give even more today. Where affairs of the heart are concerned there is no limit to your generosity and, somehow, the more you give the more you get.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
These may be difficult times but it's not as bad as you like to make out. Put your work and well-being first today and start doing things that will help make your dreams come true.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
No matter how difficult the past few weeks, the next few will more than make up for them. It will start to go right for you again and your confidence will come flooding back.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you have any errands to run then get on them now because you won't have time later in the week. Besides, you will want to spend time and energy on more personal things. How's your love life?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Money matters have been a source of both joy and despair in recent weeks. Now you can see what needs to be done to return to profitable ways. So do it.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your mind may be full of big ideas but are they good ideas? You will accomplish more if you focus on one thing at a time and put the rest out of your mind.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Many things you have been worrying about will resolve themselves in your favour. Look back over the past few months and work out where you went wrong. It's never too late to learn.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you get the chance to socialize today you are strongly advised to forget about work and have fun with friends. Later in the month you will become a lot more reserved, so get the most from your social life now.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may have missed out on a chance to move up in the world but will be more opportunities in the near future. People in positions of power are looking to be impressed.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You seem to have more options than you know what to do with. For a Pisces it can be a problem. Select a goal and stick with it.

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